

(5) A model swordfish COE can be obtained by contacting the Division Chief. An equivalent form may be used provided it contains all the information required under this section.

(6) The importer must write the Customs Form 7501 entry number on each swordfish COE and attach to the dealer report form all swordfish COEs from shipments that are recorded on the bi-weekly dealer report form.

**§ 635.47 Ports of entry.**

NMFS shall monitor the importation of BFT and swordfish into the United States. If NMFS determines that the diversity of handling practices at certain ports at which BFT or swordfish is being imported into the United States allows for circumvention of the BSD or swordfish COE requirement, NMFS may designate, after consultation with the U.S. Customs Service, those ports at which Pacific or Atlantic bluefin tuna or swordfish from any source may be imported into the United States. NMFS shall announce through filing with the Office of the Federal Register for publication the names of ports so designated and the effective dates of entry restrictions.

**Subpart E—International Port Inspection**

**§ 635.50 Basis and purpose.**

The regulations in this subpart implement the ICCAT port inspection scheme. The text of the ICCAT port inspection scheme may be obtained from NMFS.

**§ 635.51 Authorized officer.**

For the purposes of this subpart, an authorized officer is a person appointed by an ICCAT contracting party to serve as an authorized inspector for ICCAT, and who possesses identification issued by the authorized officer's national government.

**§ 635.52 Vessels subject to inspection.**

(a) All U.S. fishing vessels or vessels carrying fish species subject to regulation pursuant to a recommendation of ICCAT, and their catch, gear, and relevant documents, including fishing logbooks and cargo manifests, are sub-

ject to inspection under this subpart to verify compliance with ICCAT measures by an authorized officer when landing or transshipping tuna or when making a port call at a port of any ICCAT contracting party.

(b) A vessel, or a vessel carrying fish species subject to regulation pursuant to a recommendation of ICCAT, that is registered by any of the ICCAT contracting parties, and the vessel's catch, gear, and relevant documents, including fishing logbooks and cargo manifests, are subject to inspection under this subpart to verify compliance with ICCAT measures when landing or transshipping regulated species or when making a port call in the United States.

(c) The master of a vessel, or a vessel carrying fish species subject to regulation pursuant to a recommendation of ICCAT, must cooperate with an authorized officer during the conduct of an inspection in national and foreign ports. Inspections will be carried out so that the vessel suffers minimum interference and inconvenience, and so that degradation of the quality of catch is avoided.

**§ 635.53 Reports.**

(a) Apparent violations shall be reported by the authorized officer on a standardized ICCAT form or form produced by the national government which collects the same quality of information. The authorized officer must sign the form in the presence of the master of the vessel, who is entitled to add or have added to the report any observations, and to add his own signature. The authorized officer should note in the vessel's log that the inspection has been made.

(b) Copies of the report form must be sent to the flag state of the vessel and to the ICCAT Secretariat within 10 days. Flag states will consider and act on reports of apparent violations by foreign inspectors on a similar basis as the reports of their national inspectors in accordance with their national legislation. The vessel's flag state will notify ICCAT of actions taken to address the violation.